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SUBJECT: BORDER SCHOLARS PANEL

1. EMBASSY AND CONGEN CIUDAD JUAREZ, IF THEY PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION, ARE REQUESTED, RESPECTIVELY, TO CONTACT VICTOR CARLOS GARCIA MORENO OF THE CENTER FOR THIRD WORLD STUDIES IN MEXICO CITY AND MIGUEL ANGEL MARTINEZ OF THE AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF CHIHUAHUA AND TO INVITE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN A ROUND TABLE SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 23 AND 24. PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO EXPLORE, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF SELECTED U.S. AND MEXICAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS, CURRENT US-MEXICO BORDER AREA RELATIONSHIPS AND PROBLEMS.

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2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL INCLUDE INTERESTED U.S. OFFICIALS, SELECTED MEXICAN OFFICIALS AND SCHOLARS, AND U.S. NON-GOVERNMENTAL SPECIALISTS BY INVITATION. PRESS ATTENDANCE IS NOT ENVISAGED SO THAT FREE EXCHANGE OF VIEWPOINTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

3. GENERAL FORMAT OF SEMINAR PROVIDES FOR EACH OF THE EXPERTS TO MAKE BRIEF PRESENTATION OF TOPICAL BORDER ISSUE, FOLLOWED BY INTER-PANEL DISCUSSION AND AUDIENCE

QUESTIONS. TENTATIVE PARTICIPANTS AND SUBJECTS THEY WILL ADDRESS ARE:

-- ELWYN STODDARD, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, "THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRATION ON THE BORDER -- THE HUMAN DIMENSION,"

-- JERRY LADMAN, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, "TRADE AND TOURISM ACROSS THE BORDER;"

-- RAMON E. RUIZ, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN DIEGO, "AN EXAMINATION OF BORDER CULTURE;"

-- FRANK CALL, ORGANIZATION OF U.S. BORDER CITIES, AND

-- NORRIS CLEMENT, SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE, "ECONOMIC DISPARITIES ON THE BORDER AND THE LABOR FLOW."

SUGGESTED TOPICS WHICH GARCIA MORENO AND ANGEL MARTINEZ COULD ADDRESS MIGHT BE "MEXICAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE BORDER AND IMMIGRATION -- HOW OPEN A BORDER?" AND "THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BORDER IN MEXICAN-US RELATIONS -- DEPENDENCE OR INTERDEPENDENCE?" ALTHOUGH SUBMISSION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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A PAPER IS NOT REQUIRED, PRESENTATION OF DISCUSSION OUTLINES WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATION PURPOSES.

4. TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS WILL BE PROVIDED, AS WELL AS AN HONORARIUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS. IF NECESSARY, TRANSLATION SERVICES CAN BE ARRANGED.

5. FOR MEXICO CITY: SUGGESTED ALTERNATE PARTICIPANTS, IN EVENT THAT GARCIA MORENO OR ANGEL MARTINEZ IS UNAVAILABLE, ARE MARGARIA NOLASCO AND ANTONIO GONZALEZ DE LEON AT THE COLEGIO DE MEXICO. CHRISTOPHER

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